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Passion And Repose

Helen Luther

I lie beside you as petrified stone.
I dare not move
Lest the movement of flesh
Be construed as caring.
So I am stone.
Swallowed
Embedded, lodged within the soft cotton sheets.
Their coolness is my comfort.

I pray for morning to come.

Azalea

Jeanette Helmbrecht

She springs to life, a dazzling display,
this temptress in her myriad pastels
who coyly hugs the pillared mansion,
shuns the blush of cherry blossoms
vying for the stage.

She peaks in vibrant bursts to steal
the view, embraces parks and roadways
with intoxicating hues until it seems
our senses can't endure her lush array,
nor can we turn our lusting eyes away.

This Jezebel delights the birthing spring
then dissipates to sketch another fling.